



**GFWC – Charlotte**

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*Congratulations, Graduates!*



**Speaker, Mark Colson – CHS graduate and now MSU Assistant Professor of Media Acting, was introduced by Barbara Fulton**

**\$1,000 Scholarship Winner  
Lucy Sare  
President Sylvia Colles  
Scholarship Chair Gloria Wilson**



**Two \$500 winners drawn:**

**Kathleen Royale with Principal Bill Barnes**

**Taylor Ensley (not pictured)**

**More Senior Tea Photos will be on our website.**



**Lucy Sare** – NHS, Student Council, Youth Group, Varsity Basketball, Cross Country, and Track & Field; Junior Rotarian, Symphonic band, Marching band. She served as a Volunteer kindergarten aide, teen hospital volunteer, upward basketball coach and referee, retreat planning committee, Relay for Life, Lansing Diocese Jamboree, Freshman Mentoring Program – holding leadership positions in most. She is the daughter of Don & Kelly Sare and will be attending Trine University to study Biology/Pre-Med.

**Kathleen Royale** – 3.9 GPA, Cross Country and Softball, Linds Program at CHS – worked with autistic student, plans to attend Grand Valley and major in Social Work.

**Taylor Ensley** – 3.523 GPA – Varsity Track and Symphony Band, and plans to attend Central University and major in Education.

## NEW FORMAT FOR CHS GRADUATING SENIOR TEA



**As you may remember, a committee was formed this year to see about coming up with some new ideas for the Senior Tea this year on a trial basis. First of all, we should be saying CHS Graduating Seniors' Tea.**

After searching for another place at which to hold the tea, CPAC appeared to be the best venue for cost, convenience and parking purposes. Working with the school, it was arranged to hold the tea behind the curtains on stage. This allowed tables to be set up where participants could sit and visit, and gave the committee more room to prepare and serve refreshments. This was very well received and audible “ahhhs” were heard.

A bigger attempt was made to make the seniors aware of the tea and what kind of dress was considered appropriate. To expedite the program, the introduction of parents/guests was eliminated. We also asked that cell phones be put away. Power Point programs were shown featuring the kids and that, too, was a big hit.

Mark Colson, a CHS graduate, who has appeared in many TV programs, and is now back as working at MSU as an Assistant Professor of Media and Acting, was the speaker.

One scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded in the traditional fashion. New was a drawing for two \$500 scholarships, which proved to be a lot of fun. We asked Principal Bill Barnes to spin the drum.

The chorus included, “Celebration,” and got the whole audience on its feet.

I’m told that 60 of our members were present – YAHOO!



**There was also a table where 18-year-olds were encouraged to register to vote. Forms were available, as well as people to help them.**



**Tea and Tomes:** Please join us on Tuesday, May 27, for our final meeting of this season. We will be discussing the book, *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. Auggie Pullman was born with a facial deformity ("I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.") that prevented him from going to a mainstream school--until now. Can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances? The book is a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller about

which one reviewer said, "Do yourself a favor and read this book--your life will be better for it." We meet at the Charlotte Community Library from 12:45-2:30 pm.

**Sneak Peek:** Tea and Tomes will resume in September. It has been suggested that an evening reading group be formed. Would you consider facilitating? Contact Brynda Filkins, [brynda@usa.net](mailto:brynda@usa.net), for information.



### Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



It's true. Time does fly when you're having fun. What a fast four years. It has been fun and, at the same time, so rewarding to serve as Vice President for two years and then as President for the last two years. Beginning on June 1, Dianna Rabey will be your President. It's a job that can only be accomplished with the support of fellow members. I know that you will say "Yes," when she comes to you with a request, just as you always did when I asked you for your help. Thank you each and every one of you for being part of the team that is the culture of GFWC-Charlotte. Has it really been four years? Well, yes it has, and one more time, "Thanks!"



Sylvia passed the president's pin to Dianna behind the microphone at the Senior Tea.

Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:

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**THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER.**

# Mini Trips Update



## **TRIP TO EASTERN MARKET ON 5-3-14**

**Peggy Nichols, Jo Vanderstelt, Carol Idalksi, ?, Ellen Fuller**

**Understand they explored a winery on the way home, too. Lots of fun!**



**Let Jo Vanderstelt know if**

**you have ideas for future trips next year.**

## *Membership Memos*

### *Remembrances...*

- Mary Remenak – sick - respiratory problems**
- Trystin Vanderstelt – baby girl (Jo Vanderstelt = grandma) Elsa Ardis  
Alice Vanderstelt, 4/26/14, 9# 3oz., 21”**
- Nathalie Weseman - colon cancer surgery**
- Jo Gager – daughters' health issues**
- Ellen Fuller – mother-in-law fell**



**The Vanderstelts at the Senior Tea!**



## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE

#### BIRTHDAYS

02 CONNIE BAZAIRE  
05 LORRAINE GREEN  
  
08 MARILYN MONROE HART  
12 VIRGINIA LOWE  
14 SUE FARLIN  
15 PAM RINCKEY  
17 ELLEN FULLER  
19 KAREN ELSESSER  
19 SUE BERGER  
19 JANE KARLZEN  
27 SONNIE CODY  
30 OKJA KIM

03 JEANNETTE SOMMER

03 JESSICA EDEL  
08 JEANNE TOMASEK

13 ELSIE WILTSE  
13 LIZA SAYRE

16 JO GAGER  
24 MARGIE CARTER  
25 "MIKE" PAWLI  
27 ANN GARVEY

01 NOLA BUCK  
06 PATRICIA GREENE

11 VIVIAN FLOWER  
13 SHARON KUBICA  
16 MARY LEE FALIK  
16 SUSIE MOORE

20 MARY REMENAK

21 SHERRY PABST  
22 IEVA INGLIS  
22 DONNA M. JOHNSON  
24 JO VANDERSTELT

28 JEAN BEARUP

07 PEG CAMERON

17 BEV TRUMLEY

#### ANNIVERSARIES

04 SHIRLEY & AL HIRT  
07 MONA & ED ELLARD  
08 CHARLENE & BILL SUTHERLAND  
14 JEANNE & PAUL TOMASEK

18 CHRIS & FRANK FLEISCHMANN  
18 LOLA & JIM WILSON

19 LINDA & ED FOSTER

23 CHERYL & MOE JACKSON  
23 SHERRY & BOB PABST  
24 CONNIE & KEITH BAZAIRE  
26 LORRAINE & DAVID GREEN  
28 BOBBIE & FRANK KANE  
28 JOY & RICHARD ST. JOHN

01 BRYNDA & DAVID FILKINS  
06 PAM & BILL RINCKEY

11 JOYCE & KEN SPARKS  
12 BETH & JEFF WILDERN  
14 LEEANN & CHARLIE GREEN

21 JESSICA & ERIK EDEL  
22 BETH & FRED FRY  
25 DANA & TYLER PRAY  
27 ELLEN FULLER & GLENN PATRAW  
30 KIM & STEVE CAPPS

### JULY

01 JEANA & NEAL ROHRS  
01 JACKIE & KEVIN CARR

06 JUDY & OWEN WHITKOPF  
11 NOLA & DOUG BUCK  
11 NANCY & GARY HOLTZ  
17 STORMI & BARRY STULER  
18 LORI & JOE E. PRAY

20 ANN & JIM GARVEY  
22 MARLENE & FRED DARIN  
22 CAROL & JOHN ROSSIO

24 SUSIE & LARRY SEVITTS  
28 JOAN & KELLY HASSELBACK

### AUGUST

### EARLY SEPTEMBER

04 DIANNA & CHUCK RABEY  
10 SYLVIA & GARY COLLES  
14 LEE & DON FALIK  
14 CAROL & RAY IDALSKI



# GFWC MI CONVENTION

**Kim Lauck, SWD President  
Sylvia Colles, GFWC – Charlotte**



**Woman of Achievement, Sue Pruden,  
Sylvia Colles, escort**



**Linda Foster, Dianna Rabey  
with Dorothy Zehnder**



## GFWC MI PRESIDENT, MARTY GROLEAU CONDUCTS MEETING



## Linda Foster gives election speech, processes and is installed as GFWC MI Secretary



## AWARDS

### GFWC - CHARLOTTE IS CATEGORY IV (OVER 100 MEMBERS)

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - Communications and Public Relations

WHRC

Honor Score Sheet - GOLD

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - Domestic Violence Special Project

Advocacy for Children - Jr. Special Project

CIP - Conservation

ESO - Education Partner

Home Life

Leadership - Advancement

Membership

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - CIP Programs

Public Issues

Fundraising - Advancement

### Southwestern District Club of the Year

Memory Book - Gold (Carol Rossio & Lorraine Green)

Photography - 2<sup>ND</sup> (Fran Fuller)

Metal Craft - 2<sup>ND</sup> (Sylvia Colles)



May 2<sup>ND</sup>  
Brainstorming  
Meeting  
Dianna presents gift to  
Sylvia



40th Annual  
**Kaleidoscope**  
Reflect. Recharge. Reimagine.

Friday, Sept. 5  
The Kellogg Hotel  
and Conference Center



**Sparrow Foundation and Women Working Wonders Present:**

**Kaleidoscope: Reflect. Recharge. Reimagine.**

**September 5, 2014**

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center; Cost: \$90



Kaleidoscope features **Jessica Fellowes** as the 2014 keynote speaker. Fellowes is an author, journalist and public speaker best known for her worldwide bestsellers, **The World of Downton Abbey** and **The Chronicles of Downton Abbey**. Fellowes brings "Downton Abbey" to life, offering behind-the-scenes insight to the beloved PBS television show, and witty historical perspective. Fellowes discusses the sociohistorical context of the era, particularly as it relates to the changing role of women, the rise of

technology, and the crumbling of class hierarchy in post-WWI Britain. Fellowes draws fascinating parallels between the world of Downton Abbey and the world of today. Get your "Downton Abbey" fix before the U.S. premiere of season 5 next January



W3 is happy to invite back Kaleidoscope staple, **Professor Elliot Engel**. Engel is an award-winning teacher of English and American literature, hailed for his cleverness as a speaker and his remarkable sense of humor. Engel is considered to be the most insightful, personable, and entertaining academic keynote to come out of academia in the last 50 years. Engel received national acclaim for his mini-lecture series on Charles Dickens, which premiered on PBS. For 2014, Engel will present his lecture, **Scarlett Fever: The Greatness of Gone With the Wind**.

In addition to these dynamic speakers, Kaleidoscope will also offer participants the opportunity to attend two breakout sessions, featuring an array of fun and informative topics. The Kaleidoscope Emporium, an unrivaled shopping experience, will be back as well as a *brand new* women's health expo, complete with health tips and screenings, from Sparrow Caregivers.

**Program:**

8:00-4:00 p.m.	The Kaleidoscope Emporium
8:00-4:00 p.m.	The Sparrow Health Emporium
8:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:55 a.m.	Welcome from Sheri Jones, WLNS TV 6 Anchorwoman
9:00 a.m.	Remarks from Stella Cash
9:05 a.m.	Opening Session: Elliot Engel
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Session I
11:50-12:30 a.m.	Session II
1-2 p.m.	Lunch
2 p.m.	Keynote Address: Jessica Fellowes

**INTERESTED? CONTACT LINDA FOSTER BY MAY23!**

**Registration opens Monday, May 26, 2014**



## Spring Urn Planting – May 24 – 10 a.m.

Meet in front of the Ski Loft

Contact Stormi Stuler for more information.

## Smile Doll & Bag Project

Thanks to those of you who have participated in our project so far. You have turned in **26 bags and 11 dolls**. I will be mailing them out the first part of June. If you still are sewing for this project, please bring the completed items to the Brainstorming meeting or get them to me by the end of May. Remember we have a person that will stuff dolls if you don't want to do that part. Thanks!

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